THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (e) On the basis of the available information, a tabular statement showing the particulars of major communal riots in these States is attached. [*See* Appendix CLII, Annexure No. 9] Action against all the guilty persons including the officials for specific offences is taken under the law by the State Govts. as public order and police are State subjects.

(f) Based on the recommendations of the National Integration Council and those of various Commissions of Enquiries, detailed and comprehensive guidelines for prevention of communal violence and for promoting communal harmony were issued to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in July, 1985. There after the need for scrupulous observance of these guidelines has been impressed upon the various State Governments/UTs from time to time.

It is the resolve of the Government that no efforts would be spared to guarantee full protection to the minorities and for promoting all round communal harmony in the country.

Situation in J & K

227. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the situation in Jammu & Kashmir has deteriorated after the release of five JKLF militants in exchange of release of Dr. Rubaiya who was kidnapped recently by them;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps are being taken by Government to solve the problem; and

(c) whether there is any move against the State Government; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) to (c) Militants were released on 13th evening. Antinational and secessionist elements celebrated the release by organising chain of processions, raising of anti-national and secessionist slogans and speech making in Srinagar and other major towns of Kashmir valley . Curfew was imposed at Sopore and Baramulla on December 14 and at Srinagar, Anantnag and Shopian on the next day, Curfew continued from 14th to 18th December with some relaxation and during these days police had to open fire a number of times resulting in the killing of 7 persons. One person drowned in Jhelum when a violent mob was being chased by police and another died while running away from the Army authorities on 19th. The situation after 14th has, by and large, remained under control though there is tension. There is partial curfew. Central assistance to maintain law and order has been extended as and when requested by the State Government.

Friendly relations with neighbouring countries

228. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to have friendly relations with all the foreign countries especially with our neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Governments policy of strengthening cooperation, mutual understanding and friendly relations with various countries on the basis of India's traditional values and beliefs, is well known.

Government is taking steps to further improve our freindly relations and strengthen cooperation with all our neighbours.

Initiatives have been taken to implement this policy. The first foreign delegation received by Government was headed by the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, and discussions were held in a spirit of trust and cooperation. An invitation has been extended to the Minister of Foreign affairs of Nepal and he is likely to visit India soon.

Transfer of Governors

229. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to transfer the Governors of some of the States; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED) : (a) and (b) As a matter of convention and because of their constitutional position subjects relating to the appointment, transfer, removal, resignation and conduct etc. of Governors are confidential in nature and are not discussed.

Steps to improve the National Highways

230. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to take speedy steps to improve national high ways in the country ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The improvement of the National Highways is a continuous process and is undertaken as an activity of high priority and implemented through the Annual and 5 Year Plans. An expenditure of Rs. 1489 crores for National Highways is anticipated during the 7th Five Year Plan which is about 136 per cent more than during the Sixth Plan. The Working Group on the Roads has recommended a substantial augmentation of plan allocations during the 8th Plan— 5100 km of National Highways are recommended for four laning and 6000 km for widening and strengthening to two lanes. Preliminary discussions have also been held with the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank for obtaining assistance for the development of National Highways.

इलाहाबाद में यमुना पर रेल पुल की निर्माण योजना

231. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) इलाहाबाद यमुना पर रेल पुल की निर्माण योजना की प्रगति क्या है और निर्माण कार्य शुरू करने में क्या रुकावटें हैं और